

**REMARKS**

Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment and a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant cancels, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1-11, adds new claims 12-24 to better define the claimed invention, adds a paragraph claiming the right of priority and benefit, adds an abstract on a separate page, and amends the drawings and specification to improve clarity. No new matter was introduced.


If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Replacement Drawing Sheets (Figs. 1-11, 7 pages)  
Annotated Sheets Showing Changes (Figs. 1-5, 2 pages)  
Abstract (1 page)